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Message from Mayor Rick Cross

In last week's note, I said we would keep you informed of changes occurring around the current stay at home order. This past Monday, Governor Cooper announced that we are prepared to move into Phase One of the state's re-opening plan.

Much has happened since my first note to you on March 13, regarding COVID-19. Recognizing that there is so much information coming at all of us, I have focused my communications on those things directly impacting our community.

In the past 8 weeks, we have encouraged people to do their part by staying at home, looking out for each other, buying local, and staying informed. Our community has certainly been committed to those things, and has adapted very well. There are countless examples of how we have made adjustments. Here are a few that I thought might be of interest to you:

- Editor/Publisher of [DavieLiFE Magazine](#), Wendy Horne adapted to the stay at home order and took the opportunity to spend time conducting a series of on-line interviews. She spoke with a number of folks who represent various businesses and organizations from across our county (including Maddie Cakes, Davie Construction, Davie County Schools, Davie County Government, various county agencies, as well as yours truly!). These short Zoom conversations are a great way to get to know folks from across our community. Click on this link to enjoy all of the interviews - [Facebook Live interviews](#)

- The Davie Chamber of Commerce ([iShopDavie](#)) and our Bermuda Run Tourism Development Authority ([DoA180](#)) has worked hard to rally support for our local businesses through social media, connecting them with assistance resources, and representing them with government agencies for support.
- Our community's various non-profit agencies have quickly adapted to this current situation...from the Davie Community Foundation to United Way of Davie County to Davie High Hunger Fighters to Family Promise of Davie County to Just Hope...the list goes on for opportunities where residents can contribute toward the greater good.

As a result of the efforts of our healthcare professionals, first responders, others in essential roles, and the commitment from each of you, the governor and NC Department of Health & Human Services has determined that we are at a place when we can begin to ease some of the stay at home restrictions.

Effective at 5:00 pm today (Friday 5/8), we will move into Phase One of our re-opening plan. What does that mean for us? Below is an overview of what does and does not change with the Phase One implementation:

The stay at home order remains in place with some modifications. Click on this link for an overview of what's new in [Phase One](#). Here are some highlights for what this means for our community:

- More of our local retail stores will be able to open - with capacity restrictions, and cleaning and social distancing requirements.
- Residents will be able to leave home for commercial activity (vs. just for essential purposes). People in high risk categories should continue to stay at home as previously communicated.
- Gatherings will be limited to no more than 10 people - Gathering outdoors with friends is allowed, while ensuring appropriate social distancing.
- Restaurants will continue to be limited to take-out and delivery.
- Salons and gyms will remain closed.
- Face coverings continue to be encouraged per [CDC guidelines](#).

This is a good place to remind of the NCDHHS 3 W's:

"W" ear a face covering when going out

"W" ait at least 6 feet apart and avoid close contact

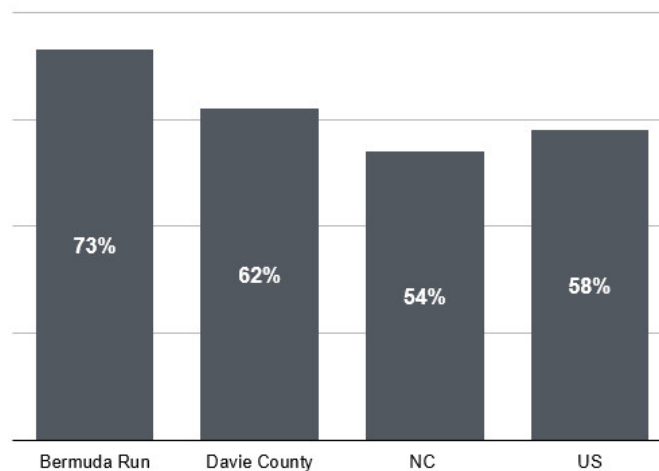
"W" ash your hands often or use hand sanitizer

Currently, Phase One is scheduled to remain in effect until May 22, 2020, at 5:00 pm. During Phase One, there will be continued assessment of conditions, and a determination will be made when we will be prepared to take additional steps to ease restrictions. As we move through Phase One, we are hopeful that our progress will continue to move in the right direction, and we will be able to continue to open our community.

We will continue to work with our county and state partners to ensure that we ensure a safe and timely recovery for our community.

In other news for our town, Bermuda Run continues to make good progress in responding to the 2020 Census count.

Census % Completed (5/8/2020)



If you have not yet completed your response, please go ahead and take the time to do so. As we go through the next few months, reminders will continue to be sent to households with information on how to complete the Census count. After that, Census takers will begin visiting homes to collect responses. If you want more information, click on [this link](#) to the Davie County Census site - [2020 CENSUS](#). BE COUNTED AND MAKE IT COUNT!

The Bermuda Run Town Council will hold its May Town Council Meeting on May 12 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, and will follow CDC social-distancing guidelines.

I will be continuing to reach out across our town, and I want to hear from you. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Finally, I would like to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day.

We are in this together, and together we will emerge stronger.

- Rick Cross



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